

the location of Williams and Pifers Store. This one was run by W. A. McLaughlin. It was succeeded by a stable run for a year or two by Wilbur Clark and bought by Z. S. Smith, Sr. in 1906. It is said that Clark would shoe a horse while it ate and thus have it ready for the road by the time the rider had eaten his dinner. Z. S. Smith, Sr. operated this stable until the cars put it out of business in 1920. For a few years Smith had both horses and cars for hire. His charges were per day \$1.50 for a riding horse, horse and buggy \$2.50, and \$4.00 for a wagon, two horses and a driver. Some of those who drove for him were: Paul Stewart, John Malcomb, Willis Courtney, Tom Courtney and Ray Kellison. Part of this old stable still stands just behind the Smith Funeral Home.

There were other smaller stables for a year or two, but have been able to get no authentic information except that one stood about where the railroad now is just above the depot and the other where Howard McElwee's house now stands.

In 1889 there was built in the west end of Durbin a livery stable by Dave Hiner and Cam Daniels. They had ten to fifteen head of horses. It was later owned by J. Graves and N. Freeman and run by G. D. Kincaid with twenty horses. With these horses Mr. Kincaid moved both the Hosterman Lumber Co. and the lumber company to Cass, down the railroad grade before the steel was laid.

The stables were later moved to the east end of town and were owned by A. B. Kincaid. The charge was \$5.00 for a horse and carriage to Elkins, Monterey and points of like distance. This stable, too, went out of business with the coming of the automobile.

The stables at Seebert were owned by S. Gladwell with six or eight horses. The other one was owned by W. D. Clark. Neither of them were very profitable.

BLACKSMITHS AT MARLINTON

Samuel Gay was the first village blacksmith in the town of Marlinton. His shop was located where Will Stewart now lives. He was at one time Sheriff of the county, and was made postmaster in 1887.

The next blacksmith shop was about where The Peoples Store and Supply Co. now stands. It was first operated by Charles Z. Hevener, the big blacksmith from Mt. Grove. He lived in the Toll House, collected toll, kept postoffice, and blacksmithed for a living. Others who smithed in this shop were Clark Gum and Charles H. Dilley.

J. O. Hiner also had a shop at one time but it was later converted into a planing mill.

3 The only grist mill ever built in the vicinity of Stony Bottom was the old Adam Geiger mill built about the year 1890, and later sold to William Shinaberry. At the time of Geigers ownership he had a wide circle of customers, but soon after Shinaberry came into possession of the farm there were better roads and people took their grain to the bigger mills found elsewhere in the county. The water power arrangement, too, was not so good and grinding was more bother than profit. The old mill still stands and part of the machinery is still there. *Ground both corn and flour.*

X Also about 1890, J. W. McClure of Indian Draft built a grist mill on his farm but it did not prove very profitable.

was soon abandoned. Used it only about six years.

John R. Johnson who lived in the Brush community where Cameron Beverage now owns was a cooper. That is a person who made wooden tubs, churns and barrels.

Dick Knapp was also a cooper.

RATE OF WAGES

One day when I was looking through an old court order book at the court house I noticed that from 1825 to 1833 men were paid for work on the public roads \$.50, for clerk of the poles \$2.00, days service in keeping poles \$1.00, while they were paid \$8.00 for a wolf scalp.

By 1834 the price for a wolf scalp had raised to \$10. while wages remained the same. By 1845 wages were still \$.50 and wolf scalps were \$12.00

OLD QUILT

The oldest dated quilt in America according to the Russell Sage Foundation is a quilt owned by Mrs. Lou M. Coyner of Clover Lick. It is dated 1795. It is of applique *design*. Mrs. Coyner has had it on exhibit three times in New York.

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OFFICE LETTER

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I am repeating a little of the material sent in at other times, but in this I have traced the ownership of some of the old mill from their beginning to the present time. Use this report in connection with those sent in on June 12 and June 18. I have checked all of the material in this one with the deeds given, and all of the dates were taken from those deeds. There are still a few more that I hope to have completed by next week.

J.S.D.

